

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] It is well known to collect used or waste greases in collection or holding tanks at the point of use such as at a fast food restaurant or the like, then to collect the waste grease from such tanks for processing and/or recycling. U.S. Patents No. 4,450,828 and No. ~~5,718,228~~ 5,718,220 disclose waste grease tanks used for collecting grease products, and a process for collecting the grease by a transport truck including a heating bath for heating the tank so that the grease can be easily dumped.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In the attainment of the foregoing and other objects, an important feature of the present invention resides in providing an improved double-walled waste grease collection tank, and an improved method for heating the tank and dumping the waste grease by use of a collection truck of the type disclosed, for example, in the above mentioned U.S. Patents No. 4,450,828 and No. ~~5,718,228~~ 5,718,220, in which the collection tank is dipped into a container of hot water for melting or softening the grease at the tank surface to facilitate dumping. The disclosures of U.S. Patent No. 4,450, 828 and No. ~~5,718,228~~ 5,718,220 are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] In order to enable use of a double-walled collection tank of the invention with a waste grease collection truck in which the tank is partially submerged in hot water, the outer container wall of the tank is provided with one or more openings which may be closed with a removable plug or other closure element. In use of the tank for in situ collection of waste grease, a removable closure is mounted in the opening to provide a sealed outer container meeting the requirements of environmental protection regulations. When the tank is to be emptied, it is prepared for removal and emptying at the collection site by removing the removable closure plugs, whereupon it is then lifted into position above the hot water bath on the collection truck. The tank is then lowered into the hot water bath so that hot water flows through the apertures in the outer wall of the tank into the space between the double walls to heat the inner wall and thereby melt or soften adjacent solid or semi-solid grease. The tank is then lifted above the hot water bath and the water in the double-walled tank portion is permitted to drain from the openings before the waste grease is dumped in the conventional manner shown in U.S. Patents No. 4,450,828 and No. ~~5,718,228~~ 5,718,220. The tank is then returned to its previous position and the removable closures are then replaced to provide a sealed double-walled tank.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Figure 1 is a sectional view, taken along line 1-1 in Fig. 3, in perspective, of a waste grease collection tank according to the invention; [[and]]

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view, taken along line 2-2 of Figure 1[.]; and

Please add new paragraph [0017.1] between paragraphs [0017] and [0018]:

[0017.1] Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a waste grease collection tank according to the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Referring now to the drawings, an improved waste grease collection tank according to the invention is designated generally by the reference numeral 10 in ~~Figure~~ Figures 1 and 3 and includes an inner container portion 12 and an outer container portion 14, each of generally rectangular configuration and joined at or near their opened tops by a continuous, stepped flange-like top wall 16 to retain the inner and outer containers ~~[[12, 14]]~~ 12 and 14, in spaced relation to one another to define an open space 18 therebetween. Preferably the inner and outer container portions ~~[[12, 14]]~~ 12 and 14, are each formed of substantially flat steel plates continuously welded, although the respective containers can be formed by other means such as by deep drawing.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] In use, in order to provide the double-walled environmental protection feature, the fill openings 36 are closed by removable closures or plugs until the tank is to be emptied. Thus, as shown in Figure 2, the wall 30 may be provided with a threaded weldment 40 which will

normally be closed by a removable threaded plug 42. Alternatively, the fill holes 36 may be sealed by a quick release expanding plug (not shown) suitable to maintain the fluid tight integrity of the outer container portion 14. Also, vent openings 38 may, if desired, be closed by removable closure members, for example, as shown in Fig. 2.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The improved collection tank according to the invention is disposed normally at the place of use to collect waste grease. During this time, the fill openings 36 are sealed by the closure members 42, and if desired, the vents 38 may also be closed. When the full tank is to be emptied, the grease collection tank is moved into the collection position and the fill plugs ~~[[40]]~~ 42 are removed. At the same time, if vent closures are used, those closures are also removed. The filled tank is then lifted and lowered into the hot water bath carried by the collection truck so that the hot water flows through the openings 36 to fill the space 18 to the level of submersion. The hot water in contact with the walls of the inner container portion 12 quickly melts or softens the portion of the solid or semi-solid grease in the container adjacent the walls. The tank is then lifted and held above the hot water bath for a sufficient time for the water to drain from the fill openings 36. The container is then moved into a position over the waste grease transport tank on the collection truck, and dumped in the conventional manner. The tank is then lowered and returned to the in situ collection site, whereupon the drain plugs 42 and vent plugs are replaced. Thus, one can see that providing direct contact of the hot water bath with the inner wall of the double-walled waste grease collection tank speeds the collection tank emptying process.